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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 20,

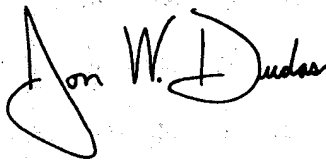
Line 33, delete "W" and insert -- (W) --.

Column 22,

Line 8, after "(W)," and insert -- if --.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized, with a large, looped initial "J" and a cursive "Dudas".

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